THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) The guidelines laid down under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme permit the construction of buildings for educational institutions, hostels, libraries belonging to the local bodies. Further, as per the guidelines on Implementation of Electronics Projects under the scheme, the HAM Club can be set up only in Government or Government aided high schools/colleges so that benefits of technological advances can be brought to the students at a young age. Thus, the scheme of HAM Club cannot be given to a private club even if it is duly registered and licenced by the Department of Communications, as per the existing guidelines. However, the revision of the guidelines on electronics projects is under consideration.

National Power Grid

2403. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of the formation of a National Power Grid; and

(b) whether Government are taking steps to establish a centrally owned electricity distribution system, connecting all the States, so that the States facing deficit in power can get power from the States which have it in surplus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Action for formation of a National Power Grid has been initiated involving inter-connection of regional grids, the details of which are as follows:

i. A 500 MW HVDC Back-to-Back link at Vindhyachal connecting Northern and Western Regions already exists.

ii. A 1000 MW HVDC Back-to-Back link at Chandrapur connecting Southern and Western Regions, is under execution and expected to be commissioned in 1997-98.

iii. A 500 MW HVDC Back-to-Back link at Vishakapatnam connecting Eastern and Southern Regions, has also been aproved for commissioning during 1998-99.

iv. A 500 MW HVDC Back-to-Back Rihand-Sasaram-Biharshariff Project has also been planned to connect the Eastern and Northern Regions, for commissioning during the 9th Plan.

v. Other links would be taken up as and when additional generation capacity is created and the need and feasibility of other inter-regional transfers of power is established.

(b) Once the regions are interconnected power can be transferred from regions surplus in power to those which are deficient.

Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme

2404. SHRI BHAGBAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year since when the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) has been under operation;

(b) the coverage made under that Programme so far, State-wise;

(c) whether this centrally sponsored scheme is proposed to be transferred to the State Sector; and

(d) if so, by when and the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) The Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) was introduced in 1972-73. This programme continued till 1973-74 and when in 1974-75, Rural Water Supply was introduced under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP), the ARWSP was discontinued. ARWSP was reintroduced in 1977-78 and has been in operation since then.

(b) The information is given in the enclosed statement (*see* below)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Statewise Habitation Coverage Status

S.No.	State/UT	Status as on 1.4.1996	
		PC*	FC**
1.	Andhra Pradesh	17777	49907
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	606	1643
3.	Assam	23726	35316
4.	Bihar	10783	178568
5.	Goa	34	321
6.	Gujarat	7974	21578
7.	Haryana	1680	4804
8.	Himachal Pradesh	12469	26226
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	3988	2930
10.	Karnataka	8475	42162
11.	Kerala	7382	1474
12.	Madhya Pradesh	19842	101517
13.	Maharashtra	12762	64340
14.	Manipur	906	1518
15.	Meghalaya	1874	5142
16.	Mizoram	190	717
17.	Nagaland	732	218
18.	Orissa	18376	55855
19.	Punjab	336	7058
20.	Rajasthan	16725	53451
21.	Sikkim	1033	646
22.	Tamilnadu	38883	27366
23.	Tripura	2750	4430
24.	Uttar Pradesh	96689	274641
25.	West Bengal	25537	54840

*Partially covered
**Fully covered

आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के कार्यान्वयन का मूल्यांकन

2405. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने गत कुछ माह के दौरान आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के कार्यान्वयन का कोई मूल्यांकन किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस योजना के तहत निर्धारित लक्ष्यों को अभी तक प्राप्त किया जा सका है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो किन-किन क्षेत्रों में ये लक्ष्य प्राप्त